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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

German Patent Publication No. 101 46 837 A1 discloses a twin clutch gearbox. The International Search Report indicates that the Figures are particularly relevant to claims 6 and 7.

German Patent Publication No. 103 20 280 A1 discloses a transmission that has a pair of clutches as seen in Figure 10. The International Search Report indicates that Figure 10 is particularly relevant to claim 11.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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